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**252 Cited For Speeding Last Week – Including Motorcyclist Cited at 100 mph and Unlicensed Driver of Rental Car at 85 mph**

**Dover** – A Delaware State Police trooper cited a motorcycle operator for going 100 mph on I-95 last week. This was the second time a trooper has stopped a motorcyclist traveling at 100 mph in the last three weeks. The motorcyclist was one of 252 vehicle operators to receive speeding citations between Oct. 13<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>, as part of the Office of Highway Safety's (OHS) 2008 "Stop Aggressive Driving" campaign. Another driver was cited for going 85 mph in a 55 mile per hour zone, without a license and was driving a rental vehicle that the company had been trying to have returned to it for several weeks.

These incidents bring the total number of speed citations for the first 11 weeks of the statewide initiative to "Stop speeding before it stops you" to 2,275. Participating police agencies include Delaware State Police troops statewide, the Dover Police, the New Castle County Police and the Wilmington Police.

In addition to last week's 252 speeding citations, officers also made 3 aggressive driving arrests which require officers to spot three traffic violations in a single incident, 1 DUI arrest, 5 criminal arrests and issued citations for 14 seatbelt violations, and 135 for other traffic violations including individual offenses such as running red lights and stop signs, which are identified aggressive driving behaviors.

Preventing speed-related crashes and fatalities is the new focus of the "Stop Aggressive Driving" campaign, which OHS and law enforcement launched July 7th. Speeding remains second only to DUI as the leading cause of traffic deaths in Delaware according to statewide crash data.

For more information on the “Stop Aggressive Driving campaign, visit the Office of Highway Safety website at [www.ohs.delaware.gov](http://www.ohs.delaware.gov).

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